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1. REFTELS REPORTED ON CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR HUE LOWER HOUSE SEAT. OF 54,827 REGISTERED VOTERS 36,447 VOTED. HUE OFFICIALS EXPLAINED REDUCTION IN PERCENTAGE PARTICIPATION AS BEING DUE TO LARGE NUMBER OF MILITARY VOTERS BEING SENT OUT OF CITY

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ON OPERATIONS AND ANOTHER NUMBER OF MILITARY AND DEPENDANTS HAVING BEEN TRANSFERRED ELSEWHERE.

2. WINNER IN HUE WAS NGUYEN DAI BANG WITH 16,353 VOTES OR 44.8 PERCENT. BANG IS 36 YEARS OLD, A BUDDHIST, AND IS AN ARVN DOCTOR. HE WAS RUNNER-UP IN 1966 CA ELECTION WITH 13,210 VOTES. IN BOTH CA AND LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS BANG WAS ELIMINATED BY LOCAL ELECTION COUNCIL FOR ASSOCIATION WITH STRUGGLE MOVEMENT. IN BOTH INSTANCES HE WAS REINSTATED BY CEC. BANG IS CONSIDERED BY POLICE OFFICIALS IN HUE TO BE ANTI-GVN, ANTI-AMERICAN, AND A MEMBER OF BUDDHIST STRUGGLE MOVEMENT. APPARENTLYX, HOWEVER, BANG DID NOT HAVE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF UBA ORGANIZATION, BUT AT SOME TIME HE APPARENTLY RECEIVED MUCH OF BUDDHIST VOTE. REV DAI VIET LEADER HOANG XUAN TUU CLAIMS BANG IS NOW RDV SYMPATHIZER BUT HUE POLICE CHIEF LAP, A LOCALLY PROMINENT RDV LEADER, CONTINUES TO OPPOSE BANG. PERHAPS THIS ROLE IN LOWER HOUSE WILL REVEAL HIS SYMPATHIES. IN ANY CASE WE CAN PROBABLY EXPECT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF HOSTILITY TOWARDS US POSITION IN VIET NAM FROM BANG.

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3. RUNNER UP IN RACE WAS TRAN MINH TRI WITH 6,390 VOTES OR 17.5 PERCENT WHO WAS SUPPORTED BY CVT AND CATHOLICS. HE USED A WORKER-PEASANT (CONG-NONG) TITLE IN HIS CAMPAIGN.
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